

Bank, which recognized Hettinger's vision and planning in sustaining and revitalizing the local economy.

The people of Hettinger are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. Hettinger has a wonderful centennial celebration planned that includes dances, a steak fry, a lumberjack show, a parade, a horseshoe tournament, class reunions, and a whiskey growing contest. The week long celebration will definitely be one to remember.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Hettinger, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Hettinger and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hettinger that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Hettinger has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELLENDALE, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. From June 28 to July 1, the residents of Ellendale will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Ellendale is a community of about 1,550 on the border between North and South Dakota. It was founded in 1881 in anticipation of the Milwaukee Road Railroad. It was the first white settlement in the county and, as the first stop on the railroad in the region, it became a great distributing point for settlers' supplies. It was named in honor of the wife of Milwaukee Road Rail Road official S. S. Merrill.

Today, Ellendale is the county seat of Dickey County. It is also home to an Opera House which, at one time, was the largest between Minneapolis and Seattle. The Organization of the People in Ellendale for the Restoration of the Arts hopes to reopen the Opera House, which is currently undergoing restoration, so that it can, once again, have live productions. In addition, the Cole Memorial Museum hosts numerous artifacts and memorabilia showcasing the Ellendale area.

For those who call Ellendale home, it is a comfortable place to live, work, and play. The people of Ellendale are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. Nearby Pheasant Lake offers a wealth of recreational opportunities from fishing to boating to camping. The community has a wonderful quasiquicentennial weekend planned that includes school reunions, a Walk of Fame inductee banquet, a golf tournament, and a Historical Pageant.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Ellendale,

ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Ellendale and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Ellendale that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Ellendale has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOWMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. From June 29–July 4, the residents of Bowman will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Bowman is a quaint town of about 1,500 people nestled in the southwest corner of North Dakota. It was founded in 1907 and is named after William Bowman, the territorial legislator, after whom the county is also named.

Today, Bowman is the county seat of Bowman County. It is also home to the Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, which preserves the rich history of the community and surrounding area. Bowman lies in an area of the state that has a number of fossils that are millions of years old. In fact, within the last few years, paleontologists uncovered the fossils of a tyrannosaurus rex. Bowman also plays host to the Bowman County Fair, an annual day fair with live music, games, and other events that adults and children can enjoy.

For those who call Bowman home, it is a comfortable place to live, work, and play. The people of Bowman are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. Bowman won the City of the Year 2006 award from the North Dakota League of Cities. The community has a wonderful centennial weekend planned that includes school reunions, a golf tournament, local musical entertainment, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Bowman, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Bowman and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Bowman that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Bowman has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### HONORING THE F.A. PEABODY COMPANY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize a tremendous small business

from my home State of Maine that was recently designated as the 2007 Eastern Region Small Business of the Year by the United States Chamber of Commerce. Established in 1927 by Frank A. Peabody, the F.A. Peabody Company, based in Houlton, ME, has grown over the last 80 years to meet the insurance, investment, and real estate needs of Mainers. From the number of employees, to the number of locations, and even the services the company provides to the residents of northern Maine, F.A. Peabody's expansion has been a crowning achievement of small business in Aroostook County and, indeed, all of northern and eastern Maine. This award is a fitting recognition of F.A. Peabody's past accomplishments, and its continued superb work for Maine.

F.A. Peabody began as a property casualty insurance agency for Aroostook County, and grew to represent 20 insurance companies. As time progressed, the company expanded to meet other needs in the community, including investment management, real estate brokerage, and travel services. A truly diversified operation, F.A. Peabody has gone further in recent years by administering mortuary trusts and providing broadband internet to businesses and individuals from the counties of Maine's northern potato fields to its eastern shoreline. In light of a lack of broadband internet in Aroostook County earlier this decade, F.A. Peabody decided to take action and become a broadband internet service provider.

Collectively, F.A. Peabody employs over 70 people, and has a wellness program to award employees with bonuses and gifts. Chris and Bob Anderson, president and chief financial officer, respectively, of F.A. Peabody, carry on the company's commitment to Maine's positive, pro-growth small business community.

F.A. Peabody is truly a success story, and a bright example of what small businesses can accomplish with measured expansion and consistent determination. I congratulate F.A. Peabody on all of its accomplishments and, in particular, for garnering the attention of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This award is well-deserved, and I am confident that F.A. Peabody's strong, outstanding achievements will continue for years to come as a source of pride for all of Maine. I wish F.A. Peabody and its employees continued success.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1675. An act to suspend the requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and

regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors.

H.R. 1676. An act to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2132. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Legal Division, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans to Executive Officers, Directors, and Principal Shareholders of Member Banks" (ID No. R-1271) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2133. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Securities Held in Treasury Direct" (31 CFR Part 363) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2134. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2135. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Technical Revisions or Amendments to Update Clauses" (RIN1991-AB62) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2136. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: Revisions to State Implementation Plan; Clarification" (FRL No. 8321-4) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2137. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to the Texas State Implementation Plan Regarding a Negative Declaration for the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry Batch Processing Source Category in El Paso County" (FRL No. 8321-7) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2138. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the Hampton Roads 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8320-9)

received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2139. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the Richmond-Petersburg 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8320-8) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2140. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8320-3) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2141. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a flood damage reduction project that was authorized for Chesterfield, Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2142. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aggregation of MECs Under Section 72(e)(11)" (Rev. Rul. 2007-38) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2143. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Mid-Year Changes to a Section 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan" (Announcement 2007-59) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2144. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substitute Mortality Tables" (Rev. Proc. 2007-37) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2145. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Conservation Contributions" (Notice 2007-50) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2146. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment Under Section 367(b) of Property Used to Purchase Parent Stock from Parent Shareholders in Certain Triangular Reorganizations" (Notice 2007-48) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2147. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2148. A communication from the White House Liaison, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2149. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of the AN/APS-137B(V)5 Radar for the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2150. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Management, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's use of category rating; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2152. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2153. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2154. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Organization's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2155. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2156. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Reproduction Fees" (RIN3095-AB49) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2157. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel James C. McConville to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2158. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Intelligence Agency's 2007 Annual Report relative to the threat posed to the United States by weapons of mass destruction, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2159. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2160. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management report relative to the Bank's system of internal controls employed during fiscal year